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SUBJECT: ZAVIDOVO LEAK: JYRANKI TAKES EXTENDED LEAVE

REF: HELSINKI 1219

1. ANTERO JYRANKI, THE PRESIDENT' S CHIEF OF CHANCERY WHO STANDS TRIAL IN HELSINKI MUNICIPAL COURT ON MAY 18 FOR HIS ALLEGED SHARE IN THE OCTOBER 31, 1972 LEAK OF THE SECRET KEKKONEN- BREZHNEV MEMCON OF DISCUSSIONS OF FINLAND' S EC AGREEMENT AT ZAVIDOVO IN THE USSR IN AUGUST OF THAT YEAR, YESTERDAY REQUESTED AND WAS GRANTED ANNUAL LEAVE FROM MAY 14 AND THEN LWOP UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST, BY WHICH TIME THE TRIAL SHOULD BE CONCLUDED.

2. CHANCELLOR OF JUSTICE RISTO LESKINEN ALSO ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT HE WILL NOT ASK PARLIAMENT TO CONVENE THE COURT OF IMPEACHMENT TO TRY FORMER MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE JUSSI LINNAMO FOR SIMILAR OFFENSES. HIS ACTION FOLLOWED THE PRESIDENT' S ANNOUNCEMENT OF MAY 7

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THAT HE WOULD NOT CONVENE THE SPECIAL COURT (SEE REFTEL).
SINCE NO OTHER COURT HAS JURISDICTION IN CASES OF THIS
TYPE INVOLVING CABINET MINISTERS, LINNAMO, WHO RESIGNED
AS MINISTER ON MAY 4, CANNOT STAND TRIAL.

3. SEPPO LINDBLOM, THE THIRD OFFICIAL CHARGED IN THE
LEAK CASE, IS STILL AT WORK AS DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH IN
THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. HE HAS NOT YET INDICATED WHETHER
HE WILL FOLLOW JYRANKI' S EXAMPLE. HE STATED EARLIER THAT
HE WOULD NOT RESIGN.
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